

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

TRAVIS COX,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LANCASTER COUNTY, all sued in
individual as well as official capacity;
LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG COURT,
TOUCHSTONE TREATMENT FACILITY,
ANDREA MCCLATCHEY, ALYSSA
MAXWELL, and PAUL COONEY, Drug
Court Attorney;

Defendants.

8:23CV287

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court for case management. The Prison Litigation Reform Act requires an imprisoned civil plaintiff to pay the Court's entire filing fee, either at the outset when filing the complaint, or in installments if the Court grants leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP"). [In re Tyler](#), 110 F.3d 528, 529–30 (8th Cir. 1997); [Jackson v. N.P. Dodge Realty Co.](#), 173 F. Supp. 2d 951 (D. Neb. 2001).

On July 18, 2023, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion seeking leave to proceed IFP and ordered him to pay an initial partial filing fee in the amount of \$45.39 by August 17, 2023 (the "IFP Order"). See [Filing No. 8](#). On September 20, 2023, Plaintiff sought an extension of the deadline to pay his initial partial filing fee (the "Motion to Extend"),

[Filing No. 11](#), which the Court granted, extending the deadline to pay to October 30, 2023, [Filing No. 12](#).

To date, Plaintiff has not paid the initial partial filing fee or asked for an extension of time in which to do so. Accordingly, the Court will require Plaintiff to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for his failure to pay the initial partial filing fee.

If Plaintiff's failure to pay by the Court's deadline was caused by prison officials' failure to adhere to his request to remit payment using funds from his account or other circumstances beyond his control, his failure to pay within the time ordered by the Court will be excused. Absent a sufficient response, the case will be subject to dismissal. See [Taylor v. Cassady, 570 Fed. App'x. 632 \(8th Cir. 2014\)](#) (holding district court abused its discretion by dismissing case without first taking steps to determine whether prisoner-plaintiff's failure to pay the initial partial filing fee "was caused by circumstances beyond his control, such as prison officials' failure to adhere to his request to remit payment using funds from his account").

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff will have 30 days to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for failure to pay the initial partial filing fee. In the absence of cause shown, this case will be dismissed without prejudice and without further notice.
2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this case using the following text: **December 20, 2023**: check for response to show cause order.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J F Bataillon". The signature is stylized with a large, circular initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph F. Bataillon
Senior United States District Court